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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Attorney General to negotiate the termination of all contracts that have been awarded to administer the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

In order to comply with requirements governing ambient air quality for ozone and carbon monoxide under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the General Assembly enacted Am. Sub. S.B. 18 in 1993. The act requires the Director of Environmental Protection to implement and supervise a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in any area of the state classified as moderate, serious, severe, or extreme nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone. The Director also must implement and supervise such a program in a county located in an area so classified when the program is included in the air quality maintenance plan or contingency plan that is submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of a request for redesignation as attainment. In addition, the act established a one-time "opt-in" provision through which local governments located in areas for which only a basic program was required could choose to have the Director implement and supervise an enhanced program in those areas.

As a result of the federal requirements, the enactment of Am. Sub. S.B. 18, and the "opt-in" provision, motorists in three areas of the state currently are required to have their motor vehicles tested under a biennial enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in order to register their motor vehicles. That program is operated by contractors and is commonly referred to as "E-Check" in the 14 counties in which it operates. Those counties are located in

the Cleveland-Akron area, the Dayton-Springfield area, and the Cincinnati area. There are separate contracts for each area of the state in which E-Check operates.

Negotiations to terminate the E-Check program

The bill requires the Attorney General to negotiate the termination of all contracts that have been awarded for the administration of the E-Check program. When a contract is terminated as a result of the negotiations, all of the requirements of the E-Check program must cease to apply in the area of the state that was subject to the program administered under the contract. Additionally, when a contract is terminated, the Director of Environmental Protection is required to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the contract's termination. (Sec. 3704.143)

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